

REPORT DEMANDS SHORT SHRIFF FOR DEATH AV. TRACKS

Favors Subway Below 60th
St. and Covered Grade Line
to Spuyten Duyvil.

CAN DO IT IN 6 MONTHS.

Opposes Elevated Freight Line
—Road Given 30 Days to
Accept Plan.

The elimination within six months of the surface tracks on "Death Avenue" is contemplated in the report of the special committee read at the meeting of the Board of Estimate to-day. North of 60th street it is proposed to allow the tracks to remain at grade, but the roadway must be covered and intersecting streets carried by bridges across the tracks.

Thus with the exception of a short distance above One Hundred and Thirtieth street the road to Spuyten Duyvil will be covered over, the exception being an open viaduct, which of course will be exclusively for the carrying of the railroad tracks. South of Sixtieth street it is designed to place the tracks on a viaduct, but only to Thirtieth street, where it is proposed further encroachment shall end.

Opposes Freight Elevated.

The committee leaves it optional with the New York Central to build the subway south of Sixtieth street, and advances the tentative plan of carrying all freight from that point by water, holding that the company's freight business and the demands of business in the southern end of the city are not so great as to require that the streets should be sacrificed to any railroad company. The committee also declares positively against the plan of Dock Commissioner Tomkins to fill the lower end of the city from Thirtieth street to the Battery with an elevated steel railroad for freight. No elevated railroad for any purpose whatever should be built, the committee declares, unless as a final resort when it shall have been proved that no other method can be employed.

It will not require six years, as was stated by Mayor Gaynor, the committee says, to make the proposed changes out of Sixtieth street, but the report declares the work can be completed in six months.

To pay the way for a legal procedure in removing the tracks the committee asks that the Attorney General begin proceedings to have declared null and void the charter of the company which permits it to maintain surface tracks south of Sixtieth street.

Thirty Days to Decide.

Co-operating with the special committee of the Board of Estimate, comprising Comptroller Pranger, President Mitchell and President McNamara, was a sub-committee of engineers, as follows: E. P. Goodrich, consulting engineer of the Borough of Manhattan; Harry P. Nichols, engineer in charge of the Bureau of Franchises; and Ernest C. Moore, a consulting engineer retained by the committee.

The report adds this recommendation: That the Board request the New York Central Railroad to submit within thirty days its acceptance of the specific plans outlined in the Engineers' report, either in whole or in part, and in case it cannot accept all, to indicate what it proposes as a substitute for any part objected to. To accompany any acceptance of a part of the whole of such plan with petitions necessary for:

(a) Land to be acquired by it from the city.

(b) Additional franchise or new franchises which may be required.

2. That the New York Central be requested to accept, in any event, the plan of temporary operation outlined in the report, and to remove the present tracks at once from the streets south of Sixtieth street, such removal to be without prejudice to either the company or the city. The report concludes as follows:

We regret to state that the Dock Commissioner is unable to join in the above recommendations and will submit his views in a separate communication.

Tomkins Objects to Plan.

After the report was read Dock Commissioner Tomkins protested against its adoption, saying that the aim should be to defeat the plan were put into force. He added that in his opinion quicker and better results could be obtained by treating with the New York Central railroad rather than by coercion. He then read a minority report.

On motion of Comptroller Pranger further consideration of the report went over for two weeks.

NO CHRISTIAN NAMES

FOR JEWS IN RUSSIA.

Holy Synod, Which Represents the
Czar, Issues a Prohibition-
ary Edict.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 28.—The Holy Synod to-day issued an edict prohibiting Jews from bearing Christian first names.

The Holy Governing Synod of all the Russian is the highest ecclesiastical authority in the Russian Church. Its Chief Procurator represents the Emperor, who is the head of the Church. The Emperor has never claimed the rights of deciding theological and doctrinal questions and the Procurator exercises wide powers in Church matters. Because of the close relation of the Government and Church the Holy Synod has an influence amounting frequently to practical authority.

However, on the Russian Easter Day in 1905 the Emperor published a decree proclaiming absolute religious liberty to all his subjects, thus removing important restrictions that had up to that time been imposed upon Old Believers and other dissenting sects, including the Roman Catholics, Lutherans and Jews.

BURIED NAMESAKE FOR MRS. MUELLER WHILE SHE LIVED

Children and Insane Husband
Identified Body—Then She
Turned Up Well.

It was the wrong Mrs. Mueller who was buried at the Lutheran Cemetery from the home of Mrs. Mary Mueller, No. 37 Monteth street, Brooklyn, on March 14, three days after death at Kings County Hospital. But the only one who had any doubts about the identity of the dead Mrs. Mueller at the time was her friend, Mrs. Mary Killian, whom she had named as executrix in the will she drew up March 8, while in the hospital, leaving \$1,000 in trust for her two children, John, fourteen, and Emma, twelve.

Mrs. Killian looked over the body of the dead Mrs. Mueller as it lay in the morgue and shook her head, but the husband of Mrs. Mary Mueller, who was brought from the Kings Park Insane Asylum, where he has been an inmate for several years, was sure it was his wife, and so were the children. So the dead Mrs. Mueller was buried.

After the funeral Alfred Bernheim Jr., a lawyer of No. 729 Broadway, Brooklyn, and Mrs. Mary Mueller's will admitted to probate. Mrs. Killian notified the butcher and grocer and undertaker to send in their bills so she might pay them.

And Bernheim was busy making out an itemized bill for his legal services when Mrs. Mary Mueller, alive and well, appeared at his office. When he convinced himself that she was actually gaining upon the right Mrs. Mueller he made out an affidavit reciting the strange narrative and presented it to Justice Ketcham in the Kings County Supreme Court, asking that she be allowed to be buried.

The first name of the Mrs. Mueller who was buried was Margaret, and Mrs. Mary Mueller vows she will not pay the undertaker for burying any other Mrs. Mueller than herself.

WALL STREET.

The Closing Prices.

Stocks and bond changes, as compared with yesterday's final figure, are as follows:	High.	Low.	Last.	Net change.
Amalgamated Copper	104	103	104	+
Am. Car & Foundry	54	53	54	+
Am. Can. Co.	90	89	90	+
Am. Can. Pac.	80	79	80	+
Am. Can. S. Pac.	80	79	80	+
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